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Applicant: Tushar Patel et al.

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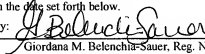
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2009.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

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